Dear Howard, 12/24/76

I have a few minutes. Perhaps I'll add later. It has been a tiring day.

While it is still stonewalling, I've gotten more of the files on me from the State Dept. than from the CIA. None yet from the FBI. I'm now more certain than ever that for the FBI and the rest from CIA I'll have to go to court. These tell me more than I need for the why.

I've forgotten if the date is give but around 1940 there was a mail cover on me and arrangements were made with the landlord's wife to save my garbage aside. The spooks went over it. Almost certainly it then was the FBI. In those days I did have reasons to believe my phone was tapped. Mechanical, in-building inspection one time and by me did not disclose any mechanical connection. I did use the belief there was a tap with some disinformational success.

The so-called investigation of me is a fraud. There are records in which it is said that the FBI had no files on me.

One question, of course, is if anything can be done, what? I want to press State farther for more records. They may come up with some. I have written them a long one for inclusion in the files and I will write more. I have only skimmed what I have received. I will go over it with more care, making notes.

The say they had the woman, they call her the landlady, watch my mail, too. With a post-office cover there is something wrong with this.

From a carbon of the hasty letter, which Idl will retype, you'll gather more of the details. Later I'll spend some time on the file.

They fired me under an Unconstitutional law. I think it was so held by the courts. It was then known as the McCarran Rider. It gave State and the military the right to fire without hearing or recourse or reason. I'm inclined to think that outside the Burger concepts this should still be actionable. But however the courts held on it, it then provided an official protection. I'm not at all confident that a successful argument can be made over a fake investigation only some of which I've pointed out in the letter.

Perhaps one of the values would be in what it enables to be done to spooks in general and those who are still withholding.

If you have any suggestions, any legal approach or thinking, I'd like to hear. Jim is staying terribly over-busy.

Best,